



Legislative News and Updates:

May 14, 2023

The following information may be and is encouraged to be shared with all you know.

Action Item: Please research this IP. I have a feeling it is not what it appears to be. Please read and take action. Comments due May 19.

Remember to pray for our Senators and Representatives. – Jo Rae Perkins,

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Initiative Petition

The Elections Division received a draft ballot title from the Attorney General on [May 5, 2023](#), for Initiative Petition **2024-023**, proposed for the [November 5, 2024](#), General Election.

Caption

Limits certain campaign contributions; expands disclosure requirements; establishes/funds candidate public financing system; other provisions

Chief Petitioners

Jason Kafoury Resident of Portland, OR 97217

David Delk Resident of Portland, OR 97215

Nathalie Paravicini Resident of Portland, OR 97206

Comments

Written comments concerning the legal sufficiency of the draft ballot title may be submitted to the Elections Division. Comments will be delivered to the Attorney General for consideration when certifying the ballot title.

Additionally, the Secretary of State is seeking public input on whether the petition complies with the procedural constitutional requirements established in the Oregon Constitution for initiative petitions. The Secretary will review any procedural constitutional comments received by the deadline and decide whether the petition complies with constitutional requirements.

To be considered, draft ballot title comments and procedural constitutional requirement comments must be received in their entirety by the Elections Division no later than 5 pm.

Comments Due

May 19, 2023

How to Submit

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More information, including the draft ballot title and text of the petition, is contained in the IRR Database available

at: https://egov.sos.state.or.us/elec/web_irr_search.search_form

From Rep. Lily Morgan

Friends and neighbors,

Good news! The federal COVID-19 public health emergency expired this week. What this means for you:

- Oregon will lift the vaccine requirements for health care and K-12 workers and 5-day isolation requirements.
- Weekly opt-in screening testing for K-12 students and staff without symptoms will end on July 31.

The last couple of weeks have been the most dramatic of the session. We debated House Bills 2002 and 2005 for a combined 14 hours, the Secretary of State resigned, then a Republican House and Senate member even sued the legislature. More on all those things below...

In the last several weeks, I received thousands of emails regarding HB 3501 and SB 603. These bills would have the effect of making homelessness a permanent crisis in Oregon. HB 3501 would allow tent cities nearly everywhere, and SB 603 would give homeless individuals \$1,000 per month. BOTH of these bills are **dead** because we have already passed the deadline for bills to be passed out of their first committee.

HB 3501 was briefly scheduled for a public hearing in the House and Homelessness Committee however was canceled at the beginning of last week. It's not often that this kind of public pressure and comments make a difference, but when it is strong enough, it can.

Remember that the school board and other local elections are on Tuesday. Please make sure to turn in your ballot!

As always, please do not hesitate to reach out to my office at Rep.LilyMorgan@oregonlegislature.gov or at 503-986-1403. Follow me on [Facebook](#) for an insider's look at the Capitol.

Best,

Lily

POLICY UPDATE

HB 2002 & HB 2005

Last week, the House passed two of the most controversial measures of the session. I have talked at length about the damaging impact of these bills before, so I will focus on what happened last week.

Last Monday, we debated HB 2002 for nearly 10 hours. It ultimately passed 36-23. One of the primary reasons I voted 'no' was because it removes parents from the decision-making process for their children when getting life and body-altering procedures. Other states have found ways to involve parents by default, but this bill bypasses all of that for something that I believe is quite extreme.

Last Tuesday, we debated HB 2005 for nearly 4 hours. I voted no on this bill because it directly affronts the Oregon and federal constitutions. To that end, I joined my House Republican Caucus members in presenting a \$25,000 check to pay to challenge this bill in court. [Watch my speech in opposition to HB 2005 here.](#)

This week, [a federal judge in Virginia struck down a federal law that bans 18-20-year-olds from buying handguns](#). This has severe implications for HB 2005 because it would ban those same adults from buying rifles.

See my statements on both bills here:

National Nurses Week - Supporting our Health Care Workforce

On National Nurses Week, I joined House Republicans in supporting two pieces of legislation to support nurses.

HB 2408

It's no secret that we have a nursing shortage in Oregon partly because of vaccine mandates. Thirty-nine other states have established the interstate nurse licensure compact, which is an interstate agreement that allows nurses to hold a single license issued by a Compact member state that permits the nurse to practice in any other Compact-member state. On April 20, Washington State joined the compact.

According to the Oregon Employment Department 2021 Job Vacancy Survey, registered nurses (RNs) had the seventh most open positions among 432 occupations, with 76 percent categorized as "difficult-to-fill."

Republicans, joined by five Democrats, voted to advance [HB 2408](#), which would have made Oregon the 40th state to join the compact, up for a vote on Tuesday but ultimately failed.

HB 2141

On Thursday, I joined House Republicans in an attempt to force a vote on [House Bill 2141](#). This legislation would have awarded hospital workers the **same protections** offered to many other sectors, including emergency medical services providers, taxi operators, flaggers, highway workers, correction officers, and youth authority staff.

This legislation has been introduced in each of the last three sessions. Every year it has failed to get to the Governor's desk. It died in committee in 2021 ([House Bill 3161](#)), passed in the House in 2022 but died in the Senate ([House Bill 4142](#)), and left in committee to die again in 2023 ([House Bill 2141](#)).

Yesterday morning, the House Committee on Judiciary was scheduled to hear [Senate Bill 787](#), which would award the same protections that are sought in House Bill 2141 to public transit vehicle operators acting in their official capacity.

The motion to withdraw the bill failed with 30 votes in support and 27 votes against – just one vote short of the required 31 to withdraw a bill. Seven Democrats voted in support of the motion.

EARTH DAY: Votes for Common Sense Energy Policies

In recognition of Earth Day, House Republicans attempted to withdraw five pieces of legislation that would have protected Oregon from future environmental hazards, boosted clean energy, and helped us further understand the long-term impacts of renewable energy infrastructure on our environment. Every bill with Republican chief sponsors died in committee and was voted down.

AROUND THE CAPITOL

Secretary of State Shemia Fagan Resigns

Secretary of State Shemia Fagan resigned from her office effective May 9.

It recently came to light through [media reports](#) that Fagan had a side hustle (making \$10,000 per month) for a marijuana company, named La Mota, that had millions in unpaid taxes and was alleged to have been given favoritism in licensing by the Oregon Liquor and Cannabis Commission (OLCC). The owners of the troubled cannabis shop also had given Fagan \$45,000 in campaign contributions - [which were largely delivered in cash](#). Part of Fagan's contract with La Mota: she was to get a \$30,000 bonus for each business license that she helped secure outside of Oregon. This raises serious ethical concerns that she was using her position as Oregon's Secretary of State for personal gain by essentially acting as a lobbyist for La Mota.

The Secretary of State holds a unique position in Oregon. They have the power to audit nearly every government agency in the state. These agencies have power over a wide range of Oregonian's life, including the marijuana industry. Her audits division was in the midst of an audit of the OLCC, which oversees the licensing of marijuana shops, after previous reports of misconduct. She was overseeing the audit of the agency tasked with regulating her side hustle employer. [New reporting suggests she even allowed the owners of La Mota to provide direct input over the scope of that OLCC audit.](#)

[This story is a good summary of Fagan and the unfolding scandal.](#)

[House and Senate Republican leaders were among the first to call for her resignation](#) the day after the news broke.

Accountability Measures Are Needed - PASS HJR 16

Fagan's story reminds us that political corruption is alive and well in Oregon. Without more balance and oversight, I don't foresee that changing. That's why I sponsored [HJR 16](#) in the Oregon House of Representatives would establish some of that oversight by establishing a process for the Legislature to impeach statewide elected officials. Oregon is THE ONLY state in the nation without any process of impeachment. This would act as a deterrent from this happening in the future and accountability in case it happens again.

The same bill has passed the House of Representatives with bipartisan support twice before, once in 2015 and once in 2017, with the support of then-Senator Shemia Fagan and then-House Speaker Tina Kotek. Both times it was left to die in the Senate. It has bipartisan support again this year, and with a new House Speaker and Senate President, I think we have

an opportunity this session to get it across the finish line. This shouldn't be a partisan issue. It's establishing accountability and a balance of power in our state that it desperately needs.

Republicans Sue Legislature

On May 3, Senator Suzanne Weber (R-Tillamook) and Representative Emily McIntire (R-Eagle Point) filed a lawsuit against the Legislature contending that the bill summary of House Bill 2002 violates [Senate Rule 13.02](#), [ORS 171.134](#), and [Article 4 § 21 of the Oregon Constitution](#).

The statute and rule require bill summaries to be written at an 8th-grade reading level, which correlates with a Flesch-Kincaid readability score of 60. House Bill 2002 scores well below 30, corresponding to the reading level of college graduates. This is supposed to help the public engage in the legislative process without needing a law degree.

Republicans raised the objections on the House and Senate floor before the lawsuit. The presiding officers (Senate President and House Speaker), with the help of their Legislative lawyers, dismissed the objects with the reasoning that they were the lone arbiter of the law.

The process is ongoing in the courts.

Spotlighting our Community

I recently gave Vince and Charon Vidlak of Grants Pass courtesies on their 60th wedding anniversary. [Watch that here!](#) Congratulations to the Vidlaks!

Congratulations to these four Rogue Community College students for being named to the [Oregon Community College Association's 2023 All-Oregon Academic Team](#). They are 4 of the 52 names for this honor that recognizes academic excellence, leadership, and community service.

- Teri Evans of Grants Pass,
- Caroline Tinker of Cave Junction
- Mackenzie Shirley of Glendale
- Desiree Remick of Ashland

[Happy 100th Birthday to Pauline Stowell of Grants Pass!](#) She was born in Lincoln, NE, in 1923 and moved to Southern Oregon in 1946. She taught elementary school at Redwood Elementary in Grants Pass for 15 years. What a milestone!

DEQ Promulgating Damaging Rules for Small Businesses

The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is seeking to promulgate rules that would expand the Employee Commute Options (ECO) program that would impose huge burdens on struggling small businesses in the Albany and Salem area.

The rules would require a 15% reduction in employee commuting for employers with 100 or more employees. That will be difficult and costly to implement, particularly for employers with a primarily in-person workforce and those not located near safe public transit options.

Under the program, employers must survey a minimum of 75% of their workforce every two years and develop a trip reduction plan that includes such options as telecommuting, free or subsidized transit passes or vanpools, daily stipends for carpoolers, onsite or nearby childcare, and eliminating paid parking. Failing to achieve a trip reduction target would not be a violation, but employers would be required to revise their plans (i.e., add more commute options) and demonstrate a good faith effort to implement them. The proposal also requires employers to identify someone whose primary professional responsibility is to implement the ECO program.

I, along with many of my House Republican colleagues, signed a letter to the DEQ Director expressing concerns about the program and how it would negatively impact Oregon businesses.

Make Your Voice Heard – OLCC Trying to Raise Taxes on Booze

OLCC is seeking public comment on a proposed increase of the current 50-cent surcharge on each bottle of distilled spirits to one dollar per bottle. The Commissioners heard initial testimony at their April 20 Commission meeting.

You can watch the [Oregon Restaurant and Lodging Association \(ORLA\) testimony](#) on how this tax increase will hurt small bars and restaurants the most at a time when the Governor and the OLCC Commission should be supporting them.

The Commission will listen to additional verbal testimony at the May 18 meeting and will accept written comments through June 5, 2023.

As background, a temporary surcharge of fifty cents was first enacted in the 2009-2011 budget cycle and has been continued ever since, including the 2021-23 cycle. On top of that surcharge, Governor Kotek's budget for 2023-25 includes a line item for an additional fifty-cent surcharge on distilled spirits which is estimated to raise \$45.2 million for the general fund.

Please consider taking action on this by either:

- Providing verbal testimony at the May 18 Commission meeting (email laura.paul@oregon.gov by 5pm on May 16, 2023)
- Submitting written comments; visit ORLA's [Take Action page](#) by June 5, 2023 at 5 PM to send a customized message to the Commissioners

LOCAL RESOURCES

Be #WildfireAware

During May, the Oregon State Fire Marshal asks Oregonians to participate in Wildfire Awareness Month by creating defensible spaces around their homes.

This zone gives your home added protection against wildfire. Defensible space can prevent embers from igniting your home or prevent flames from reaching it. Another important advantage of defensible space is it creates a safe space for firefighters to work during a wildfire.

Oregonians should tackle defensible space projects now before the heat of summer arrives.

Start with a plan. Walk around your home and identify areas where an ember could land and ignite. Look at the base of your home and work outward. Studies show the leading cause of home fires during a wildfire is embers igniting combustible materials, spreading fire to the house.

Consider the following defensible space projects at your home:

- [Space and prune trees.](#) (see linked diagram)
- Remove leaves, needles, wood, bark mulch, and other debris from within 100 feet of the structure or to the property line.
- Keep roofs and gutters clean of leaves, needles, and other debris.
- Move flammable material away from the outside of your home, including mulch, flammable plants, leaves and needles, and firewood piles.
- Keep flammable or tall plants from growing directly under the eaves; a minimum of five feet away is recommended.
- Keep firewood piles and lumber at least 30 feet from any structure.
- Keep plants in your yard healthy and maintained. Clean out old leaves or pine needles from your plants. Prune away any dead portions.

To learn more about creating defensible space as a community, read about the Firewise USA program [here](#). For more information, visit the [OSFM Wildfire Awareness Month page](#).

Fire Season Reinforcements Headed to Southern Oregon

Several local fire departments in our communities have received money from the state to pay for additional resources heading into the wildfire season.

Grants Pass Fire Rescue a \$300,000 Community Wildfire Risk Reduction Grant to help pay for wildfire risk reduction projects, equipment, and staff to protect people, property, and communities. Illinois Valley Fire District (IVFD) also received nearly \$87,000 from this grant, while Josephine County Emergency Management received \$450,000, and Williams Rural Fire Protection District (WRFPD) received \$197,500.

Applegate Valley Rural Fire Protection District, WRFPD, and IVFD also additional grant dollars to beef up staffing headed into wildfire season through the Oregon Fire Service Capacity Program.

As part of the \$2.7 million the state released in February as part of the Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP), Josephine and Jackson counties received over \$750,000 for projects to reduce fuel loads.

Attend Community Meeting with the Oregon Broadband Office

The Oregon Broadband Office is holding a community meeting in Ruch to hear about experiences with internet access and the devices you use. Sharing your story will help improve broadband internet service in our community.

Here are the details:

Friday, May 26, 12:30 pm - 2 pm

Applegate Valley Fire District Headquarters, 1095 Upper Applegate Road, Ruch, OR

[Register here.](#)

From Senator Brian Boquist (I) sides with the Republican Caucus

Readers:

Welcome to this unedited uncensored special edition of the bi-weekly clips prepared in 'block' below by young Oregonians for your consideration with other sources of information.

*Given the present constitutional, statutory and legislative rules crisis, we are providing this **one-time special edition** to keep you informed. The block text below is from the young contributors. My comments and observations are in italics at the end.*

The special edition for your consideration:

Special Legislative Edition One-time

Last week marked the beginning of a [walkout](#) as Senate Republicans and Independents denied quorum and halted the legislative process.

With decades of control over the Oregon government, the Democrats in power have eroded trust in the political process by behaving as if they are above the law. No one is above the law. In walking out, these minority legislators are bravely **“doing their jobs” because they work for Oregonians, not the legislature.**

Quorum rules [protect](#) the minority from the rule of the majority. Majority party control is bad for Oregon. Denying quorum is one tool out of *many* that they have deployed to delay or stop bad bills this session; none have prevailed, meaning this walkout is the last resort and may result in [losing](#) their seats. The other tactics include having all bills read in full; demanding the Constitutional law on bill readability [standards](#) be followed (more on that later); and [pulling](#) Republican-backed bills on education, crime, natural resources, and more to the Senate Floor - all were voted down by the Democrats.

While previous walkouts focused on specific issues such as the 2019 gross receipts sales tax [disguised](#) as an education bill, and on environmental special interest bill [cap and trade](#) in 2019 and '20; this walkout is not about a single issue. It targets specific pillars of wrongdoing:

1. [HB 2002](#) – an attack on families and parental rights, and other bad bills
2. Lawlessness
3. Corruption

For this walkout to be successful, much like the one in 2019, it is *critical* for citizens to [get involved](#). Citizen involvement is the only way the status quo in Oregon changes. Take any of the talking points from this newsletter and [contact](#) Representatives and Senators, the Attorney General, legislative Democrats, and more to express your important views about the walkout and government corruption.

MEASURE 113

These legislators might lose their seats because this walkout looks different than previous protests. The passage of [Ballot Measure 113](#) in November of last year, “adds language to the Oregon Constitution preventing any lawmaker from running for reelection if they have 10 or more unexcused absences in a single legislative session,” as [reported](#) by OPB.

Many of the senators who [walked out](#) will hit their 10-days at the end of this week.

With Measure 113, it’s clear the Democrats’ intent was to scare minority legislators away from walking out by threatening their seats – especially as the tactic has been [successful](#) in squashing or delaying their special interest bills. These legislators are willing to do everything in their power, even sacrificing their positions to **“go down with the ship”** and prevent HB 2002 from becoming law.

For those who say Republicans and Independents are not “following the law” by walking out; this ballot measure can be argued as unconstitutional in several ways, and if successfully argued, it would reinstate minority party legislators’ rights to deny quorum in defense of Oregonians. Measure 113 snubs legislators’ First Amendment rights to free speech and the right to protest. It stands on shaky legal ground and was confusingly written, ironically tying to the constitutional [readability standards](#) these legislators are demanding be followed.

The same OPB [article](#) continues, “Measure 113 places too much power in the hands of the Senate president and House speaker, the two legislative leaders — currently Democrats — who decide whether absences are marked excused or unexcused.”

The excused vs unexcused absences based on the arbitrary feelings of the Senate President are playing out in real time with [direct attacks](#) on religious liberty and medical exemptions [largely](#) ignored.

HB 2002

These senators appear willing to “go down with the ship” during this walkout over [HB 2002](#); a direct attack on parental rights and the family. It allows a **child of any age**, without parental knowledge, to receive an abortion and minors at just 15-years-old could have [irreversible](#) sex-changing treatments and procedures. It also decriminalizes the concealment of the death of a newborn child.

Senator Boquist said, “Better to stand up for freedom and liberty as we count to ten, than be ashamed the rest of our short lives.”

Oregon’s **corrupt** Democrats are willing to put the full force of government behind this controversial and unscientific bill, prioritizing their special interests over the wellbeing of Oregon families.

Activist special interest groups have [lied](#) about the walkout indicating that they are either willingly ignorant of reality or willingly spreading misinformation for their agenda. The Dobbs decision in [June 2022](#) did not change Oregon’s abortion laws; women can have an abortion through all 9-months of pregnancy. The Supreme Court Case [kicked](#) the issue [to the states](#), making it possible for state legislatures to [decide](#) how to regulate this traumatic and life-ending action.

In Oregon, abortion is untouched, and HB 2002 adds to it by allowing a child of *any* age to have an abortion, without parental knowledge, [making it](#) the “rapist, pedophile, incest protection act”. As said [here](#): “These criminals... will coach young women about how to go in and have an abortion, destroying the evidence of wrongdoing and have **protection under the law.**”

[Image](#) credit.

LAWLESSNESS

Democrats are not following the laws they swore to uphold. Bill summaries are not written in a way that is easily understood; nearly requiring a law degree to comprehend. When a bill is introduced, its summary must be clearly understandable at an 8th-grade reading level, as laid out [in](#) Constitutional rule Article IV, Section 21 and subsection 5 of Senate Rule 13.02 and [ORS 171.134](#). This [article](#) articulates how back-and-forth lawyers are on the readability law, meaning anything is possible with the right argument.

With Democrats in power already [lowering](#) the bar for reading and mathematics requirements in Oregon’s education system, it makes logical and legal sense that bill summaries for new laws would match.

This Senate Republican [statement](#): “To comply with state law, every bill must return to its original sponsor so Legislative Council can redraft the bill summaries. The bills must then be sent back through committees to be reconsidered before being heard on the Senate and House floors.”

Along the same lines, [this](#) media platform should know that legislative counsel writes bill summaries, and legislative counsel is controlled by the Democrats who are [not](#) following the law.

As one member of the House of Representatives [said](#), “Democracy can only function when Oregonians can engage in the process – when government attorneys cannot even understand the contents of the bill, there is a clear problem.”

OTHER RELEVANT OREGON NEWS

The Willamette Week [investigative reporting](#) ultimately led to the [resignation](#) of corrupt former Secretary of State Shemia Fagan, offering hope that this walkout could be successful because no one could have imaged the “[rising star](#)” in Oregon politics would be brought down. The resignation and subsequent fallout indicate how quickly the Democrats will turn on each other to [protect](#) the government machine and their special interests. It’s also fascinating because Fagan is not the first high-ranking official to “[moonlight](#)” or have a side gig, but she was “taken out” likely due to her political aspirations. The Oregonian [describes](#) how the Secretary of State role has been lately filled with a “caretaker”-type individual; in other words, someone who is not a threat to the governor.

NEWSLETTERS

Check out these newsletters distributed by other Senate offices that include more information about the damaging and dangerous HB 2002:

Senate Republican Leader Tim Knopp’s [newsletter](#) highlights the Democrats’ failures and abject refusal to follow the law – the same law all legislators are expected to uphold and that all hard-working Oregonians are expected to follow.

Senate Deputy Leader Daniel Bonham’s [newsletter](#) shares insights about the corruption behind HB 2002 and how Democrats in Salem are behaving as if they are above the law.

Senate Republican Whip Dennis Linthicum’s [newsletter](#) includes details about HB 2002 and its attack on the family and parental rights.

Senate Deputy Leader Kim Thatcher’s [newsletter](#) about HB 2002: “They’re targeting your children – government sanctioned secrecy”.

[VIDEO](#): Senator Cedric Hayden is fighting for parental rights: “No law without DUE process.”

Senator Suzanne Weber’s [newsletter](#). She is part of a [lawsuit](#) that was [blocked](#) by a Marion County judge. The lawsuit goes after Legislative Democrats in power based on its reckless refusal to ignore Oregon Revised Statute 171.134 and the Constitution.

Remember to get involved if possible; [resources here](#).

These are some observations intended to prod your thought process before the weekend edition while we wait and see the actions of the senate democrat caucus. Again, trying to be prod critical analysis even as some of the below I may not agree with either.

Four Democrat Decades. *Democrats have controlled state government for four decades. See Oregon Blue Book. [Link](#). Democrats own every issue of citizen concern in the state. For decades one-party has ruled in state government. Democrats have been in the majority and super majority. Democrats can point fingers but in reality can only look in the mirror? If you have a problem in Oregon then should you ask a Democrat to explain away four decades of one-party rule?*

Constitutional Complaints. *A variety of constitutional, statutory and rules complaints have been presented to Senate Democrat leadership since [January 6, 2023](#) whom simply ignore the law. Meetings have meant nothing. [Meeting list link](#). Constitutional, stature and rule reminders have been provided to every Democrat Senator. [Senate floor letter #1](#). [Senate floor letter #2](#). [Senate floor letter #3](#). Government media claiming quorum denial is about one bill is simply propaganda. Though Senate President Wagner admitted in writing they were violating the law but this is OK. [Wagner link](#). Democrat legislators claiming they are immune is*

simply false. [Sec 1983 immunity link](#). Likewise, legislators can be sued in their personal capacity. [Sec 1983 liability link](#). A review of floor letter paragraph below means every Senate Democrat knows exactly what is happening ...

Wagner Prozanski Complaints. On January 6, 2023, a constitutional complaint was filed with Democrat President Rob Wagner challenging the swearing in of Floyd Prozanski as Mr. Prozanski held and holds two lucrative public offices in two branches of government in violation of Or Const Art II Sec 10 and Or Const Art II Sec 1 amongst other complaints. [See complaint link](#). See complaint [supporting documents](#). To become 'Senator' Prozanski, all Mr. Prozanski had to do was resign his public prosecutor positions outside of the legislative branch. He did not. The Secretary of State and Oregon Government Ethics Commission say in writing the Oregon State Senate is responsible under the Oregon Constitution. President Wagner (D) has stonewalled this complaint as Mr. Prozanski is the sixteen (16) vote for more than twenty bills sent out of the Senate to the House or Governor in violation of Or Const Art IV Sec 25. In [Kay v. Gibson](#) the Oregon Supreme Court ruled the second position taken is invalid i.e. null and void. In [State v. Babson](#) the separation of powers violation in the legislature are confirmed.

Floor Letters. Senators and Representatives place floor letters on member desks and into the public record to alert members of complaints, take positions on bills in advance and ensure members are informed of issues before the legislature. We even put the Ninth Circuit [court ruling](#) on the floor. Ninth link. This ensures no legislator can deny knowledge of a complaint or issue. [See floor letter links](#).

Vote Explanations. Senators and Representatives place vote explanations into the public record usually to document complaints and disagreements. Given the denial of quorum on the Senate Floor, the vote explanations from May 1-2, 2023, outline the unlawful actions in the Senate thus giving you background to the present floor quorum denial. [See official link list](#).

Chief Justice. We are getting lots of questions how the Chief Justice of the [Oregon Supreme Court](#) swore in legislators in violation of the Oregon Constitution? Was she hoodwinked by Democrat leaders? Likely in my opinion. We will provide you a guide to ask those questions to your [elected Chief Justice](#) of the Oregon Supreme Court just like the [media contacts](#) the court in the next edition.

Attorney General Interference. The Attorney General represents both sides in the OLCC liquor scandal. The Attorney General represented the Secretary of State, the Governor, and herself in the recent Shemia Fagan ethics scandal. The Attorney General with Homeland Security and the FBI are officially opposed to veterans since they are all potential domestic terrorist along with church goers per the main stream media, and their own documents. The AG represents President Wagner and Speaker Rayfield against other legislators. The Attorney General is opposing Senator Weber and Representative McIntire in the courtroom in violation of [Or Const Art III Section 1](#) separation of powers and [ORS 173.135](#) but how is this possible? The Legislative Counsel Committee controlled Senate President Wanger must approve outside legal counsel but it has not met in years. [Look yourself](#). The Attorney General claims to legally represent every employee of the judicial, executive and legislative branch on all sides in violation of Or Const Art III Section 1 separation of powers. If any private lawyer or law firm was doing this it would be a crime so how is the Attorney General protected? Democrat? Does the elected [Attorney General](#) think she is God? You have a right to seek redress and complain against this elected official ... we will tell you how in the next edition.

Illegal Bill Passages. Over twenty (20) bills have been signed out of the Oregon State Senate by the Senate President and Secretary of the Senate without sixteen (16) legal votes as required under Or Const Art IV Sec 25. Examples: [vote explanation #1](#), [vote explanation #2](#), see other vote explanations below. Likewise, bills like SB 393 were passed out of committees without the required votes and without public hearing. [SB 393 letter link](#). We will provide to a list of bills unlawfully moved out of the Senate next edition. They are all on [OLIS](#) as well.

Pending the next edition, this is a short list of some sixteenth vote bills: SB 216, SB 273, SB 586, SB 780, SB 789, SB 807, SB 808, SB 910, HB 2031, HB 2325 ... why did the President and Secretary forward these bills to Speaker Rayfield and Governor Kotek? Look on [OLIS](#) yourself.

Legislative Union. Three years ago, due to a hostile, unsafe work environment, which brought about the million-dollar BOLI settlement with victims, and pay inequity in the Democrat controlled Legislative Assembly, member employees voted to unionize. While most Republican lawmakers opposed unionizing, they were and are, powerless to protect employees. Democrat leaders have stonewalled collective bargaining. President Wagner (D) and Speaker Rayfield (D) lead the opposition to the union stonewalling. Some employees are still not getting even basic pay correctly as Democrat leaders do nothing but take union political donations from other unions. Pay equity remains politically applied. The pool of eligible employees that can join the union is a couple hundred. Mostly Democrat legislator employees given Democrats control the legislature. The employee union recently had four meetings to update employees, inform them of rights, and take complaints: two online options and two in person options. One in person meeting option drew over forty attendees. In only one of four options. How come so many Democrat employees are upset with their Democrat bosses? Why are the Democrats stonewalling their own employees? And if the Republicans oppose the union then why not at least help the employees get their basic pay? Should this be a quorum issue as well?

Crimes Against Humanity. The [International Criminal Court](#) is the court of the so-called rules based international order Biden, Blinken, and the Swamp Dwellers favor with U.S. tax dollars. The [Rome Statute](#) has fifteen plus crimes against humanity. There is no [Nuremberg Defense](#) 'I was only following orders.' The crimes transcend state and federal laws. Democrats love the Putin warrant issued by the ICC. You can google the glee online. [ICC Putin warrant](#). Why is this an issue? The ICC sees infanticide, child mutilation, experimental medical procedures, forced separation, parental withholding as genocidal crimes against humanity. Doctors, lawyers, police and government bureaucrats, as in the final solution, are considered criminal if they participate or even fail to oppose it. If you as a doctor, lawyer, teacher, government bureaucrat or politician taking away a child without parental consent, you are guilty of crimes against humanity. Large portions of HB 2002B fit nicely in the ICC prosecutors' definitions. As Robert F. Kennedy Jr, Democrat presidential candidate says, if Americans participate in these crimes they should be tried for [crimes against humanity](#) by the tribunals. Not state courts. International tribunals. The USG is all in regardless of denials to the contrary. U.S. citizens can and are filing criminal complaints against U.S. politicians and government entities.

HB 2002A Staff Measure Summary. [See initial summary](#). The bill in the mainstream media is but one aspect of the lawlessness in the legislature. This is a summary written by staff working for Democrat chairs. Read what prosecutors will read yourself.

HB 2002B Budget Summary. [See committee summary](#). The budget summary simply means the bill moved through Joint Ways & Means Committee so opponents could not request a minority report. This is a summary written by staff working for Democrat chairs.

HB 2002B bill text. [Bill link](#). Written by lawyers working for the Democrats listed at the top of the opening page. Read the bill yourself.

HB 2002 bill history. [Measure link](#). This is the bill history getting to the Senate floor for second reading which is being blocked by quorum denial right now. HB 2002B can pass in two days if quorum is on the floor. So can many other bills. However, with rules suspension, a bill or set of bills can pass in a single day. Like the last day of a session.

Below are some links to other newsletters we located online this week that may or may not be future information sources for you:

Senator Weber newsletter. [Link.](#)

Senator Knopp newsletter. [Link.](#)

Senator Linthicum newsletter. [Link.](#)

Senator Hayden newsletter. [Link.](#)

Given the majority control the online platforms, we expect every clips to be the last. If we are censured this is a link to the draft [Citizens Complaint Guide](#) being developed. Peaceful polite complaints worked for Gandhi. Citizens peacefully forced out Shemia Fagen. Polite protests could force the resignation of the Attorney General, Senate President, and others. Be informed. Be polite. Be active.

Lastly, if the political majority block future clips, please give a big thank you to the young millennials who consolidated the 'block' of the clips for your consideration with other sources over the past several years.

Hope this information is helpful in considering your future. Remember, government serves government not the People. De oppresso liber.

Be safe. Be neighborly. Be prayerful. Be prepared.

Sincerely,

Brian Boquist

Oregon State Senator

From Senator Kim Thatcher:

They're setting your children up to be victims to a new multi-billion dollar industry behind your back using your wallet

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Make no mistake about it, [HB 2002-B](#) is not about protecting Oregon's abortion rights post ruling on Roe vs. Wade. [Roe vs. Wade had no effect on Oregon's abortion laws](#). It is about **expanding abortion to your children – without you as a parent/guardian knowing. It's about "gender affirming" medical alteration experimentations for children - without a parent or guardian's knowledge - compliments of the Oregon Democrat Activist legislators. Yet, they're hiding their true agenda by telling you, the public, they're only "protecting your abortion rights". [Oregon already allows abortion all the way to birth](#) - current law. Nothing changed.**

The truth is in the bill. Read it [here](#).

[SJR 33](#) is the ugly sister that would solidify these bad ideas through the Constitution. Further, the proponents (or Activist Democrats) got to write the ballot title to ensure the Constitutional amendment passes! Normally ballot titles are written by the Attorney General with a back-and-forth appeals process available to help ensure accurate wording. There will be no such opportunity with this measure, thanks to [SB 27](#).

[HB 2002-B](#) is the most extreme and partisan bill in our country. There are layers of unanswered questions created by this legislation, as well as terrible consequences that are being ignored. It also poses constitutional challenges. Democrat activists will tell you it needs to come to the senate floor for a vote and deliberation. Folks, the Floor of the Senate is not the place to vet any bills. Committees are supposed to vet bills. This bill was not thoroughly vetted in any committee and opposition to it was shut down. As with all bills going through the Oregon Legislature, the Democrats are in charge of which ones they want to move and which ones they want to die. They want this one – BADLY!

This is a 46-page bill. The first 10 pages refer to abortions in stating that **“Every individual** has a fundamental right to make decisions about the individual’s reproductive health...to continue the individual’s pregnancy and give birth or to terminate the individual’s pregnancy.” *(Page 2, lines 16-19 of the bill)*. The word “every” exactly means “every” individual, regardless of age. A 10-year-old could, by herself, through resources at her school, get an abortion if this bill becomes law. Her parents or guardian would have no idea; however, her parent’s or guardian’s health insurance would be mandated to cover the cost with no deductions. The parent or guardian would never need to know.

Here are just a few of the provisions of [HB 2002-B](#):

- **Any individual regardless of age can seek an abortion without her parents or guardians knowing anything about it.** *(Page 2; Page 4, lines 39-42)*
- For a parent or guardian to know their child is about to get an abortion or transgender medical procedures, **the child must sign written consent to notify the parent/guardian.** You read that right, **a child must give written permission for their parent or guardian to find out the medical care their child is about to receive.** *(Page 4, lines 39-42)*
- **Your child, the person you care for, could seek life-altering medical procedures** by having an abortion at a very young age; or secretly deciding to alter their natural bodily functions and processes and commit to life-long irreversible drugs or surgeries to satisfy his/her gender preference, through his/her public school resources.
- **Your child would likely be referred to the nearest Student Health Clinic** through his/her public school resources. There are hundreds of clinics popping up all over the nation – big money – big industry - for children to seek very controversial and experimental medical procedures behind their parent/guardian’s backs. *(pages 9-10)*
- [HB 2002-B](#) will ensure these experiments are continued to the detriment of children and their families, all with the State of

Oregon's stamp of approval. If you think they're not serious, there is a handy Student Health Center Reproductive Health Grant Fund within the State Treasury. (pages 9-10)

- **Your children are being recruited through Social Media and the public schools, themselves.** OHSU is readying itself to supply the doctors for every phase of the granted procedures within HB 2002-B. [Doernbecher has a number of Gender Clinics](#) offering a full range of experimental services for children to alter their gender.
- **Follow the money** - Planned Parenthood, the gender clinics and all the doctors are salivating thinking of the money they'll rake in. Pharmaceuticals are poised to make a ton of money on the drugs they'll be supplying for the launching of this new industry in Oregon. After all, drugs will need to be supplied throughout the lifetime of the transgendered child who will be prescribed these life-altering chemicals. You will pay for it through not only your insurance premiums, but also through your taxes.
- **Disturbingly, HB 2002-B deletes ORS 167.820 which would make it no longer a crime to conceal a birth. This would prevent law enforcement the ability to make a determination of whether the infant was born dead or alive. It would enable all kinds of creepy and criminal activity to take place.** (page 43 of [HB 2002-B](#), line 41 "[and 167.820]")
- **HB 2002-B requires your private health insurance to pay for all expenses without deductions, for medical procedures relating to abortion or gender alterations.** Keep in mind, gender alterations are a lifetime commitment to hormone therapy, physical manipulations, surgeries, medications and everything that will be associated with the fight against a person's gender at birth. If you do not have private health insurance, don't worry, the taxpayers will cover it. By the way, there is no requirement to pay for any kind of reversal. (pages 11-12)
- **Your insurance will be required to pay for cosmetic procedures without deductions for transgender surgeries:** tracheal shave, hair electrolysis, facial feminization surgery or other facial gender affirming treatment, revisions to prior forms of gender-affirming treatment and any combination of gender-affirming treatments. Again, if you do not have private health insurance, don't worry, the taxpayers will cover it. (pages 11-12)

In other words, HB 2002-B creates a state-sanctioned secret between parents/guardians and children, putting the state in charge of your children's health care without your consent or knowledge (Page 4, lines 39-42) and leaves you holding the bill for your child and everybody else's. And [SJR 33](#) solidifies it in the Constitution.

Common sense would tell you, a child seeking an abortion without parental/guardian influence would set off alarm bells that she might be a crime victim. Yet, there will be no such safeguards in place.

Science being questioned by scientists - Altering our children's biological sex

The science promoting the safety and effectiveness of gender altering care (which includes puberty blockers, cross-sex hormones, and surgeries that are used to “align” an individual with their new gender identity) has been under increased scrutiny in both America and abroad. **Gender-affirming care is beginning to fall apart** and is under question by scientists themselves. It is controversial and by no means settled.

Oregon Democrats, on the other hand, are choosing to turn a blind eye in favor of the flawed science undergirding Oregon's guidelines for gender-altering care and are even doubling down. This reveals the reality that Oregon's Legislative Activist Democrats are more interested in following an ideology rather than actual science.

The [human brain](#) is not fully developed until well into the 30s. The Oregon children targeted in HB 2002 do not have the mental capacity to understand the permanent, often devastating, nature of these decisions.

These kids simply do not understand that their awkwardness is fleeting because they do not have the wisdom that comes with growing up.

No child should feel alone or coerced by schools, government or social media to choose a certain path. Instead, we should be following what Sweden is doing by recommending treatment for these minors should not go beyond psychotherapy.

Europe pulls back as gender-altering medical procedures are questioned

[There's so much controversy](#) behind the effectiveness and unknown long-term risks of these procedures that other countries are pulling back on gender-affirming care for minors.

Indeed, the science behind gender-affirming care [is not settled](#). Oregon legislative Democrats, led by activism, refuse to acknowledge the flaws of the science of gender-altering medical procedures. They need to be willing to fully vet these flaws in committee, and without the conversation spiraling into accusations of questioners being “transphobic.”

Many countries have concluded that the evidence backing the benefits of puberty blockers, cross-sex hormones, and surgeries is insufficient, so much so that that the costs and risks of the irreversible procedures likely outweighs their benefits for gender dysphoric children.

- [Norway](#) – The Norwegian Healthcare Investigation Board (NHIB/UKOM) recently found that its gender-affirming care guidelines were not evidence-based and relied on cherry-picked studies. The board concluded that puberty blockers, cross-sex hormones, and gender-affirming surgery for children and youth were experimental and proposed updated guidelines that these interventions be restricted to research settings.
- [Finland](#) – The Finnish Health Authority (COHERE) conducted a systematic review of the data in 2020 and concluded that psychotherapy, or what we might call counseling, should be the first line of treatment for

gender dysphoric youth, not puberty blockers and cross-sex hormones, which should be reserved for rare cases. **The review warned of the irreversible nature of gender-affirming interventions, and how a minor's lack of neurological maturity impacts these decisions.**

- [Sweden](#) – The Swedish National Board of Health and Welfare in 2022 sharply curtailed youth eligibility for puberty blockers and cross-sex hormones, and like Finland, said **treatment should seldom go beyond psychotherapy**, save for rare cases. This is coming from the country that was first to legalize gender transition in 1972.
- [France](#) – France's National Academy of Medicine urged doctors to be cautious in offering pharmaceutical and surgical gender-affirming interventions to minors. They cited the psychological vulnerability of minors and the serious risks associated with these treatments – **weak bones, risk of sterility, and emotional and intellectual consequences.**
- [Britain](#) – Britain's National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) conducted systemic reviews and found that the scientific evidence underpinning common gender-affirming treatments was weak, discouraging, and often contradictory. Puberty blockers were found to have little impact on patients' well-being and cross-sex hormones were **found to have low certainty in improving mental health.**

Our children are quickly becoming victims of medical experimentation as parents and guardians are iced out and government takes their places. Democrats in the legislature would rather gain popularity with leftist audiences on TikTok and social media than help the youth of [today](#),

Take action now! Voice your concerns to every single lawmaker, especially those from the Democratic side of the aisle (*If you would like a list, please request it by hitting Reply*). Oregon is on a downward spiral, especially when it comes to safeguarding our children from human traffickers and medical experimentation. The bills are currently awaiting a floor session for Second Reading and then the vote on Third Reading to pass it and send it to the governor to sign.

Look for like-minded people who realize the recklessness of [HB 2002-B](#) and the destruction being inflicted upon our children, families and society. Reach out and peacefully protest whenever or wherever you can!

This interview is fairly long, but worth watching as I am [interviewed by Naomi Wolf](#) on HB 2002.

Another compelling report ran across is titled: [Answers Sought on NIH Transgender](#)